

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 19, 2019

Case No.: F-2019-04060

Segment: M/OFM-0001

Melanie Sloan
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated March 5, 2019. Thus far, the Department has located 33 documents responsive to your request. Upon review, we have determined that all 33 documents may be released in part. The processing of your request is ongoing.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Brian Field, Assistant United States Attorney, at 202-252-2551. Please refer to the case number, F-2019-04060, and the civil action number, 19-cv-1286, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Weetman
Deputy Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosure: As stated

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

August 29, 2017

**RELEASE IN
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REF 17-1310/L

H.E. Sabri Boukadoum
Permanent Representative of the People's
Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations
326 East 48th Street
New York, NY 10017

Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 18, 2017, requesting permission from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] [redacted] from September 1, 2017, for two years.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please inform OFM through eGov when [redacted] has moved in, and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

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August 02, 2017

REF 17-1165 /L

H.E. Mr. João Pedro Castanheira Do Vale de Almeida
Head of the Delegation of the European Union
to the United Nations
666 Third Avenue, Floor 31
New York, NY 10017

Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. FN/ald dated July 27, 2017, requesting permission from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to renew the lease at [redacted] [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of the [redacted] [redacted] from November 15, 2017, until November 14, 2019.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department when the lease is renewed or terminated.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825, if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Cellars
Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country

RELEASE IN PART B6

August 10, 2017

REF 17-1187 /L

H.E. Mohammed Sahib Mejid Marzooq
Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq
to the United Nations
14 E 79th Street
New York, NY 10075

Mr. Marzooq:

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 21, 2017, requesting permission from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease the [redacted] New York, New York 10022, for use as the residence of [redacted] from August 1, 2017, for one year.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in, and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Sincerely,


Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
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New York, New York 10017*

February 10, 2017

REF 17-191

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H.E. Mr. Joon Oh
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea
to the United Nations
335 East 45th Street
New York, NY 10017

Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. MUN/032/17, dated February 3, 2017, requesting permission from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to renew the lease at [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from August 14, 2016, until August 14, 2018.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825, if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Murray J. Smith
Deputy Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

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*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

July 11, 2017

REF 17-1048L

H.E. Mansour Ayyad Al-Otaibi
Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait
to the United Nations
321 East 44th Street
New York, NY 10017

Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence dated June 22, 2017, requesting permission from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease the [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from July 20, 2017, for one year.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please inform OFM when [redacted] has moved in, and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

July 27, 2017

REF 17-1131/L

H.E. Mansour Ayyad Al-Otaibi
Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait
to the United Nations
321 East 44th Street
New York, NY 10017

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Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 17, 2017, requesting permission from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease the [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted], from September 1, 2017, for one year.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in, and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 3th floor
New York, New York 10017*

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August 23, 2017

REF 17-1277/L

H.E. Mr. Mansour Ayyad Sh. Al-Otaibi
Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait
to the United Nations
321 East 44th Street
New York, NY 10017

Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 14, 2017, requesting approval from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from August 20, 2017, for one year.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



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*Office of Foreign Missions
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July 19, 2017

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H.E. Mansour Ayyad Al-Otaibi
Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait
to the United Nations
321 East 44th Street
New York, NY 10017

Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 7, 2017, requesting permission from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease the [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from August 1, 2017, for one year.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please inform OFM when [redacted] has moved in, and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 5th floor
New York, New York 10017*

August 23, 2017

REF 17-1276/L

H.E. Mr. Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob
Permanent Representative of Malaysia
to the United Nations
313 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017

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Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 14, 2017, requesting approval from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of staff member [redacted] [redacted] from September 15, 2017, until September 14, 2019.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

Office of Foreign Missions
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New York, New York 10017

December 29, 2017

REF 17-2094/L

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H.E. Alya Ahmed S.A. Al-Thani
Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 3
New York, NY 10017

Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 4, 2017, requesting approval from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to purchase [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as a Mission staff residence.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction.

On the basis of Foreign Missions Act Designation and Determination FMA-2014-1, dated January 8, 2014, OFM authorizes the exemption for the Government of the State of Qatar from all national, regional, or municipal taxes, other than those that represent payment for specific services rendered, in connection with this purchase. Enclosed are letters to the State of New York and the City of New York to this effect. Please be advised that no exemption will be granted for taxes for which the seller is liable. We suggest that the Mission consult with an attorney on this matter prior to the closing.

On the same basis, the property will be exempt from annual real estate taxes from the date of settlement. In order for OFM to authorize the local jurisdiction to exempt this property from annual real estate taxes, the Mission is requested to provide a copy of the deed and settlement statement to OFM.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825, if you have any questions or need further assistance.

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Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

April 12, 2017

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REF 17-533

H.E. Alya Ahmed S.A. Al-Thani
Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 3
New York, NY 10017

Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 4, 2017, requesting approval from the Department of State to purchase [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as storage space for the Mission staff member residing at [redacted] [redacted] New York, New York 10017. The Department understands this property was purchased on February 20, 2004.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction.

The Mission is reminded that, pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. § 4305), it must obtain OFM's approval prior to finalizing a proposed lease, purchase, sale, or other acquisition or disposition of real property in the United States, undertaken by or on behalf of a foreign mission. For more information, please review the Department's note No. 11-189 at: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/171960.pdf>.

Despite this oversight, on the basis of reciprocity and Foreign Missions Act Designation and Determination FMA-2014-1, dated January 8, 2014, the Department authorizes this property to be exempt from annual real estate taxes from the date of settlement. Enclosed is a copy of the letter addressed to the New York City Department of Finance to this effect.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2811, if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country

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United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

October 05, 2017

REF 17-1516/L

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H.E. Mr. Abdallah Yahya A. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 10
New York, NY 10017

Dear Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. OFM/Per/490, dated September 21, 2017, requesting approval from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from September 21, 2017, for 24 months, with the option to renew.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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The Mission is reminded that, pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. § 4305), it must obtain OFM's approval prior to finalizing a proposed lease, purchase, sale, or other acquisition or disposition of real property in the United States, undertaken by or on behalf of a foreign mission. For more information, the Mission is directed to the Department's diplomatic note No. HC-125-11 available at <https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/135710.pdf>.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York, 10017

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December 28, 2017

REF 17-2086/L

H.E. Mr. Abdallah Yahya A. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 10
New York, NY 10017

Dear Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. OFM/PER/614, dated December 14, 2017, requesting approval from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from January 1, 2018, until December 31, 2018.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

December 27, 2017

REF 17-2082 /1.

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H.E. Mr. Abdallah Yahya A. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 10
New York, NY 10017

Dear Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. OFM/Per/615, dated December 14, 2017, requesting approval from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from January 26, 2018, until January 25, 2019.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

October 06, 2017

REF 17-1523 /L

H.E. Mr. Abdallah Yahya A. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 10
New York, NY 10017

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Dear Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. OFM/DOS/Per/LNO/501, dated September 26, 2017, requesting approval from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from October 1, 2017, until September 30, 2018, with the option to renew.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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The Mission is reminded that, pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. § 4305), it must obtain OFM's approval prior to finalizing a proposed lease, purchase, sale, or other acquisition or disposition of real property in the United States, undertaken by or on behalf of a foreign mission. For more information, the Mission is directed to the Department's diplomatic note No. HC-125-11 available at <https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/135710.pdf>.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

October 05, 2017

REF 17-1515 /N

RELEASE IN PART
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H.E. Mr. Abdallah Yahya A. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 10
New York, NY 10017

Dear Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. OFM/Per/486, dated September 19, 2017, requesting approval from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from September 15, 2017, until September 14, 2019.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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The Mission is reminded that, pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. § 4305), it must obtain OFM's approval prior to finalizing a proposed lease, purchase, sale, or other acquisition or disposition of real property in the United States, undertaken by or on behalf of a foreign mission. For more information, the Mission is directed to the Department's diplomatic note No. HC-125-11 available at <https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/135710.pdf>.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 5th floor
New York, New York 10017*

October 06, 2017

REF 17-1525 /L

H.E. Mr. Abdallah Yahya A. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 10
New York, NY 10017

RELEASE IN PART
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Dear Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. OFM/DOS/Per/LNO/499, dated September 26, 2017, requesting approval from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from October 1, 2017, until September 30, 2018.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017

October 26, 2017

REF 17-1666

RELEASE IN PART
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H.E. Mr. Abdallah Yahya A. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 10
New York, NY 10017

Dear Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. OFM/DOS/Per/LNO/536, dated October 10, 2017, requesting approval from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from November 1, 2017, until October 31, 2018.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017

October 06, 2017

REF 17-1526 /L

H.E. Mr. Abdallah Yahya A. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 10
New York, NY 10017

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Dear Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. OFM/DOS/Per/LNO/505, dated September 26, 2017, requesting approval from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from October 1, 2017, until September 30, 2018.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country

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The Department of State refers the Embassy of the Slovak Republic to the correspondence dated March 1, 2017, from the Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in New York, regarding its request to lease [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [REDACTED] from February 1, 2017, until January 31, 2019, with the option to renew for a third year.

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The Department approves this request, subject to compliance with local laws and regulations. Please notify the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) when the [REDACTED] moves in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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OFM may be contacted at 202-895-3500 extension 5 or OFMProperty@state.gov regarding this matter.

Department of State,

Washington, March 21, 2017. *GC*

DIPLOMATIC NOTE



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

August 17, 2017

RELEASE IN PART B6

REF 17-1245 /L

H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand
to the United Nations
351 East 52nd Street
New York, NY 10022

Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence No. 56101/655, dated August 8, 2017, requesting approval from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from September 1, 2017, until August 31, 2019.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey R. Cellars
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

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May 24, 2018

REF 18-793/L (rev.)

H.E. Mohammed Hussein Moh Bahr Aluloom
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq
to the United Nations
14 E 79th Street
New York, NY 10075

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 9, 2018, requesting permission from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] [redacted] from June 1, 2018, for one year.


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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in, and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,


Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

August 7, 2018

REF 18-1244

H.E. Mohammed Hussein M A Bahr Aluloom
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq
to the United Nations
14 E 79th Street
New York, NY 10075

RELEASE IN PART
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Department of State acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated July 24, 2018, from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq, requesting permission from the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) to lease [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from August 15, 2018, for two years.

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [REDACTED] has moved in, and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

July 13, 2018

REF 18-1119

H.E. Mr. Mansour Ayyad Al-Otaibi
Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait
to the United Nations
321 East 44th Street
New York, NY 10017

RELEASE IN PART
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated July 3, 2018, requesting approval to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from August 1, 2018, for one year.

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The Department of State approves this request and reminds the Permanent Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department through eGov when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

October 11, 2018

REF 18-1577

RELEASE IN PART
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H.E. Abdallah Yahya A. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, Floor 10
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of the correspondences dated September 4 and September 19, 2018, requesting approval to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from September 21, 2018, for 12 months. The Department understands the Mission entered the lease prior to obtaining approval from the Department.

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OFM approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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The Mission is reminded that, pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. § 4305), it must obtain OFM's approval prior to finalizing a proposed lease, purchase, sale, or other acquisition or disposition of real property in the United States, undertaken by or on behalf of a foreign mission. For more information, the Mission is directed to the Department's diplomatic note No. HC-125-11 available at <https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/135710.pdf>.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

June 21, 2018

REF 18-972

H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh
Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates
to the United Nations
305 East 47th Street, Floor 7
New York, NY 10017

RELEASE IN PART
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Dear Mrs. Ambassador:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of correspondence No. 2018-279, dated June 4, 2018, from the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates requesting permission to lease residences at the below addresses from July 1, 2018, for one year with the option to renew:

- [redacted] Jersey City, New Jersey 07302, for use as the residence of [redacted] and,
- [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted]

The Department approves these requests and reminds the Permanent Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department when the leases are renewed or terminated.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

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United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

June 14, 2018

REF 18-936

H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh
Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates
to the United Nations
305 East 47th Street, Floor 7
New York, NY 10017

**RELEASE IN PART
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Dear Mrs. Ambassador:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of correspondence No. 2018/265, dated May 25, 2018, and received on June 4, 2018, requesting permission to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from May 7, 2018, for one year with the option to renew.

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The Department approves this request and reminds the Permanent Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department when the lease is renewed or terminated.

The Permanent Mission is also reminded that, pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. § 4305), it must obtain the Department's approval prior to finalizing a proposed lease, purchase, sale, or other acquisition or disposition of real property in the United States, undertaken by or on behalf of a foreign mission. For more information, please review the Department's note No. HC-125-11 at: <https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/135710.pdf>.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

January 28, 2019

REF 19-128

H.E. Mrs. Maria Theofili
Permanent Representative of the Hellenic Republic
to the United Nations
866 Second Avenue, Floor 13
New York, NY 10017

RELEASE IN PART
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Dear Mrs. Ambassador:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of correspondence No.10.5.1/AS 167, dated January 23, 2019, requesting approval to lease [redacted] [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from February 1, 2019, for one year, with the option to renew.

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The Department of State approves this request and reminds the Permanent Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
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New York, New York 10017*

RELEASE IN PART B6

March 6, 2019

REF 19-370

H.E. Mrs. Maria Theofili
Permanent Representative of the Hellenic Republic
to the United Nations
866 Second Avenue, Floor 13
New York, NY 10017

Dear Madam Ambassador:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of correspondence No.10.8.1/AS 362, dated February 20, 2019, requesting approval to lease [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from March 1, 2019, for one year, with the option to renew for an additional year. The Department understands that the Permanent Mission is no longer pursuing the lease of [redacted] in the same building.

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The Department of State approves this request and reminds the Permanent Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please notify the Department when [redacted] has moved in and when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

Office of Foreign Missions

799 UN Plaza, 8th floor

New York, New York 10017

April 11, 2019

REF 19-549

Mr. Hamad A H M Alhazeem
Consul General of the State of Kuwait
455 Madison Avenue, Room 3601
New York, NY 10022

RELEASE IN PART
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Dear Mr. Alhazeem:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of correspondence No. 8/2019-OFM, dated March 29, 2019, requesting approval to lease [redacted] [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from April 15, 2019, until April 14, 2020, with two renewable options.

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The Department approves this request and reminds the Consulate General that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. The Consulate General is reminded to notify OFM via eGov when [redacted] moves in. Further, please submit a diplomatic note to OFMProperty@state.gov when the lease is renewed or terminated.

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Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2811 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

June 17, 2019

REF 19-815

H.E. Mr. Mansour Ayyad Al-Otaibi
Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait
to the United Nations
321 E 44th Street
New York, NY 10017

RELEASE IN PART
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated June 10, 2019, requesting approval to renew the lease at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from September 3, 2019, for one year.

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The Department of State approves this request and reminds the Permanent Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please inform the Department when the lease is renewed or terminated.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2812 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

June 17, 2019

REF 19-816

H.E. Mr. Mansour Ayyad Al-Otaibi
Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait
to the United Nations
321 E 44th Street
New York, NY 10017

RELEASE IN PART
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated June 10, 2019, requesting approval to renew the lease at [redacted] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of [redacted] from September 1, 2019, for one year.

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The Department of State approves this request and reminds the Permanent Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction. Please inform the Department when the lease is renewed or terminated.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2812 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Knobel
Area Director

cc: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Host Country

RELEASE IN PART B6

19-826

The Department of State refers the Embassy of the Slovak Republic to the correspondence dated June 10, 2019, from the Consulate General in New York, requesting the Department's approval to renew the lease at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] New York, New York 10017, for use as the residence of

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[REDACTED] from February 1, 2020, until January 31, 2021.

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The Department approves the request, subject to compliance with local laws and regulations. The Embassy is reminded to notify the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) at OFMProperty@state.gov when the lease is renewed or terminated.

If the Embassy has any questions, it may contact OFM at 202-895-3500, extension 5, or OFMProperty@state.gov.

Department of State,

Washington, June 18, 2019. AS

DIPLOMATIC NOTE



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 19, 2019

Case No.: F-2019-04060

Segment: M/OFM-0001LIC1

M/OFM-0001LIC2

Melanie Sloan
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated August 19, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The processing of records is ongoing and has, thus far, yielded an additional three documents responsive to your request. We have determined that one document may be released in full and two documents may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

The processing of your request is ongoing. We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Brian Field, Assistant United States Attorney, at 202-252-2551. Please refer to the case number, F-2019-04060, and the civil action number, 19-cv-1286, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Weetman
Deputy Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosure: As stated

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
799 UN Plaza, 8th floor
New York, New York 10017*

August 23, 2018

REF 18-1342/L

H.E. Alya Ahmed S. A. Al-Thani
Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of
the State of Qatar to the United Nations
809 United Nations Plaza, floor 3
New York, NY 10017

RELEASE IN FULL

Dear Madam Ambassador:

The Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) acknowledges receipt of correspondence No. 2018/0053842/5, dated August 3, 2018, from the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, requesting to sell 845 United Nations Plaza, Unit 14A, New York, New York 10017, formerly used as a staff residence.


The Department of State approves this request and reminds the Mission that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the local jurisdiction, and to inform OFM of the date of settlement.

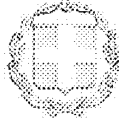
On the basis of Foreign Missions Act Designation and Determination FMA-2014-1, dated January 8, 2014, OFM authorizes the exemption for the Government of the State of Qatar from all national, regional, or municipal taxes, other than those that represent payment for specific services rendered, in connection with this sale. Enclosed are letters to the State of New York and the City of New York to this effect. Please be advised that no exemption will be granted for taxes for which the transferee is liable. We suggest that the Permanent Mission consult with an attorney on this matter prior to closing.

To avoid withholding of U.S. Federal income tax on the sale, Form 8288-B, which is available at www.irs.gov, should be filed, noting especially the instructions for Line 7a and citing to Treas. Reg. § 1.897-9T(e).

Please do not hesitate to call us at (646) 282-2825 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,


Brooke Knobel
Area Director



RELEASE IN PART B6

PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Ref. 10.5.1/AS 167

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Foreign Missions and has the honour to request authorization for this Mission to lease the [redacted]

[redacted] intended to serve as the official residence of the [redacted]
[redacted] Currently that position is held by [redacted]

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The tenant of the contract will be the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations and it will be signed by [redacted] The lease term is expected to cover a one year period, starting February 1st, 2019 with possible extension for one year.

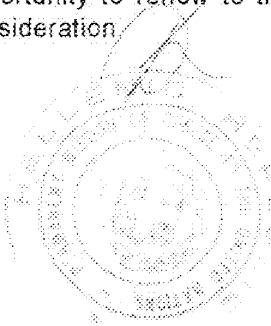
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No part of this property is or will be used for commercial purposes. This mission acknowledges that it must request and obtain the approval of the Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions prior to changing the use of this property from that which is described in this note.

Assigned as contact person will be [redacted]
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The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of Foreign Missions the assurances of this highest consideration.



New York, January 23rd, 2019

Office of Foreign Missions
New York

RELEASE IN PART B6



PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Ref. 10.8.1/AS 362

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Foreign Missions and in reference to our Verbal Note Ref. 10.5.1/A5 167/23.01.2019, has the honour to inform the latter that it was not possible to reach an agreement with the landlord of the [REDACTED]

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Consequently, the Mission of Greece would like to request authorization to lease the [REDACTED] intended to serve as the official residence of the [REDACTED] to the United Nations. Currently that position is held by [REDACTED]

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The tenant of the contract will be the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations and it will be signed by [REDACTED]. The lease term is expected to cover a one year period, starting March 1st, 2019 with possible extension for one year.

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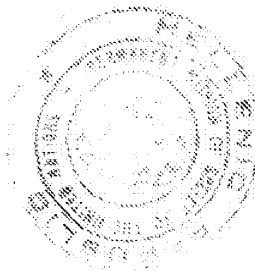
No part of this property is or will be used for commercial purposes. This mission acknowledges that it must request and obtain the approval of the Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions prior to changing the use of this property from that which is described in this note.

Assigned as contact person will be [REDACTED]

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The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew the Office of Foreign Missions the assurances of this highest consideration.

New York, February 20, 2019



Office of Foreign Missions
New York